

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 1101 W

DATED 3rd Mar 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Port of Canada : Pres. Marine Dept
directing with remarks that a notice be published
appointing certain persons to be conservators
of the R. — and calling on the S.E. to submit
an indent for a dredge for the port, Comd.
to R.E. to take for necessary action.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Revenue Department,	dated 26th Feb. 1897,	No. 1186 Mis.
" the Presidency Port Officer,	" 18th March "	" 48/97 G.
" the Collector of Górávari,	" 23rd June "	" A/Acc.
" " "	" 1st July "	" 963/Acc. 97.
" the Presidency Port Officer,	" 23rd August "	" 48/312 G.
" " "	" 30th " "	" 48/318 G.

ORDER—No. 255, Marine, dated 4th April 1898.

The correspondence read above relates to the powers and responsibilities of the Górávari District Ports Conservancy Board, in regard to which there has been some misapprehension.

2. The position seems to be as follows. The Board is constituted under section 7 (1) of Act X of 1889, and its principal functions are described in sections 8 to 16 of that Act. It is not legally entitled to the control or management of any Port Fund, for its duties as regards such funds are limited to keeping the accounts under section 36 (2) and publishing annual abstracts thereof in the Fort St. George and Górávari District Gazettes, as will be seen on reference to the notification recorded with G.O., No. 196, Marine, dated 21st May 1890. In respect to Port Fund concerns generally, it is laid down (paragraph 4 of the Government Order) that the Board is in administrative subordination to the Presidency Port Officer.

3. As regards fees under Act III of 1885, it will be seen from the notification recorded with G.O., No. 247, Marine, dated 5th July 1890, that the Collector of the Górávari district is the officer appointed to levy and receive the fees and to keep the accounts.

4. The district grouping of ports for which the Board was appointed Conservator has been superseded by the new grouping notified in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 18th May 1897, and it thus seems probable that the Board has in consequence become *functus officio*. This, as well as other considerations, renders it desirable that a new Board should be constituted with clearly defined responsibilities and powers adapted to the duties which it is required to perform under existing conditions.

5. After a careful consideration, His Excellency the Governor in Council has arrived at the conclusion that the Board should be constituted under section 7 (1) of Act X of 1889 as conservator of the port of Cocanada, and should be composed as follows:—

Chairman.
The Collector of the District.

Vice-Chairman.

The Port Officer of the Port.

Members.

The Superintending Engineer of the Circle.

The Executive Engineer of the Division.

Three members of the European Chamber of Commerce to be elected annually.

Two members of the Native Chamber of Commerce to be elected annually.

Funds not specially entrusted to the Public Works Department, the maintenance and dredging of the Port will also be entrusted to the Board, and by law * vested in an officer of Government, and has been entrusted to the Collector of the district.

* Section 7 of Act III of 1885.

† G.O., No. 247, Marine, dated 5th July 1890.

7. The Board will further be authorised to inform the most pressing wants of the port, and these will be provided for with due regard to the requirements of other ports of the eastern group.

8. The Collector will now submit the names of the non-official gentlemen to be placed on the new Board when their appointment will be formally sanctioned. Meanwhile the following notification will be published:—

NOTIFICATION.

The Górávari District Ports Conservancy Board appointed in the notification published on page 357, Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette of 27th May 1890, having become *functus officio*, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 7 (1) of Act X of 1889, the Indian Ports Act, to appoint the following persons to be Conservators of the port of Cocanada under the said section:—

Chairman.

The Collector of the District.

Vice-Chairman.

The Port Officer of the Port.

Members.

The Superintending Engineer of the Circle.

The Executive Engineer of the Division.

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9. The most pressing need of the port is a dredger, and the Government will do what is possible to obtain the money requisite for its purchase. The cost will be included in the statement which is being submitted to the Government of India in view to a special grant of Imperial funds being made for port works. Meanwhile the Superintending Engineer will, after consultation with the Conservancy Board as to the most suitable form of dredger, submit an indent through the regular channel on the Secretary of State for its supply.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Collector, Górávari District.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Superintendent, Government Press.

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the Sup^r Gen^l I Chief,
for information, and for
necessary action, with
reference to bears & etc

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Port of Cocanada

*Directing, with remarks, that a notification be published appointing certain persons to be Conservator of the — under section 7 (1) of the Indian Ports Act X of 1889, and calling on the Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to submit, after consultation with the Conservancy Board, an indent for a dredger for the port.

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